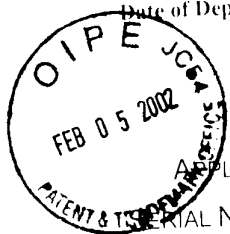


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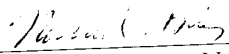
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicant hereby petition for a one-month extension of time to respond to the November 7, 2001 Notice to File Missing Parts in the above-identified application. With the extension, the response is due on February 7, 2002. A check in the amount of \$110.00, in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1), is enclosed herewith.

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 00689-514 (A065US). A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted.

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